THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accused are liable to be prosecuted under Section 55 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have transferred the case file and the case property to the Department of Forests and Wild Life, Government of NCT of Delhi for further investigation in the matter.

Illegal Migrants from Bangladesh

378. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal migrants from Bangladesh residing in India; and

(b) how many Bangladesh migrants have been deported between April, 1999 to April, 2001, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) There is a continuous influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh. It is difficult to make a realistic estimate of the number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) According to the available information, the number of migrants deported between April, 1999 to April, 2001 is as under:—

Year	No. of Bangladesh migrants
1999	1934
2000	2349
2001	1931